



## TDAP FOR INFANT CAREGIVERS PROJECT Q&A

**1) Can an administration fee be charged for the administration of the Tdap for Infant Caregivers Project vaccine?**

Yes, an administration fee may be charged for the administration of the vaccine, but not for the vaccine itself.

**2) How do we track that only 2 people for a specific child gets the Tdap vaccine?**

The consent forms that are completed by the 2 individuals receiving the Tdap will need to have that specific child's name placed on the consent. Copies of the consents will need to be sent/forwarded to the Kansas Immunization Program at least monthly.

**3) Do we have to order everything for the year with the September 1 order?**

Yes. Vaccine funding available for this project is for a limited time and orders must be received by our program no later than Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Orders received by the Kansas Immunization Program after that date will not be filled. Vaccine will be provided in single dose vials. If one particular presentation of Tdap vaccine is not available another will be substituted.

**4) If a postpartum female receives a dose of Tdap in the hospital, can we still give 2 Tdaps to a specific child's caregivers (Example, grandparent and father of infant)?**

No. The postpartum mother is a priority group caregiver of the infant, so one additional dose would be available for the infant's caregiver.

**5) Can our daycare providers who provide care services for infants less than 12 months get the vaccine?**

Child care employees should already be vaccinated with Tdap as a professional responsibility if they receive compensation for their services.

**6) When does this program start?**

This program starts as soon as a VFC provider order for the Tdap for Infant Caregivers Project vaccine is received. Current inventory of Tdap is pediatric VFC vaccine and cannot be used for adults. The vaccine used for this project is purchased off the adult CDC contract with non-VFC funding.

**7) Does the vaccine have a long expiration date?**

The expiration date is more than one year.

**8) How do I know the amount of vaccine to order?**

***Do not order more vaccine than your clinic would use in a year.*** The provider should note how many infants less than 12 months age appear on the Provider Profile. Another benchmark can be the number of MMRs given at one year of age for a one year time period. Realistically, a provider will not immunize all infant caregivers of the infant population less than 12 months of age. Also, not all age appropriate infants will have two caregivers who accept the vaccine if offered. The Kansas Immunization Program will review project Tdap orders and apportion available vaccine as equitably as possible.

**9) Is there a contract or sign up for this project?**

All non-hospital VFC providers may participate in this project. Order vaccine as you currently do but use a separate order form and indicate it is the Tdap for Infant Caregivers Project.

**10) Where do I document how many adult Tdap vaccines our clinic used?**

Document the number of adult Tdaps given on the bottom of your MIR that is sent in each month and note “Tdap for Infant Caregivers Project” along with number of doses given.

**11) Why aren’t hospitals eligible to participate?**

VFC participating hospitals are eligible for the Tdap vaccine for postpartum females and one infant caregiver via the Cocoon program. For additional information contact Sheila Boos at [sboos@kdhhs.gov](mailto:sboos@kdhhs.gov) or (785)-296-0869.

**12) The letter that was sent 07/07/11 indicated that Adacel would be the Tdap vaccine provided, but now I understand that is not the case.**

Adacel vaccine is no longer offered on the CDC contract. The Tdap vaccine that will be supplied will be Boostrix.

**13) If a significant other named by a pregnant female presents requesting a Tdap prior to the baby’s birth may we give them the Tdap?**

Yes. The same required documentation applies.

**14) Can a pregnant female receive Tdap?**

According to the Updated Recommendations for the use of Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine (Tdap) in Pregnant Women and Persons Who Have or Anticipate Having Close Contact with an Infant Aged <12 Months---Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), 2011 published in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Volume 60, October 21, 2011, it states: “ACIP recommends that women’s health-care personnel implement a Tdap vaccination program for pregnant women who previously have not received Tdap. Health-care personnel should administer Tdap during pregnancy, preferably during the third or late second trimester (after 20 weeks’ gestation). If not administered during pregnancy, Tdap should be administered immediately postpartum.” For the complete document go to the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6041a4.htm?s\\_cid=mm6041a4\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6041a4.htm?s_cid=mm6041a4_w). In addition, the pregnant female’s primary health care provider is essential in the decision making process of this recommendation.

**15) Do I need to send in copies of the vaccine consent forms when I administer individual’s Adult Tdap Project vaccine?**

Yes.

**16) Where do I note these doses that I give of the Adult Tdap on the MIR?**

These doses need to be documented somewhere on the form, ideally the lower right hand corner of the MIR. The number of consents received should be consistent with that number documented on the MIR.

**17) How do I keep my inventory straight on the VFC Tdap and the Adult Tdap Project vaccines?**

There has been some confusion regarding inventory tracking of the Adult/Infant Caregiver Tdap Project vaccine for providers who send in paper MIRS.. The Adult /Infant Caregiver Tdap Project was a onetime only order, but still needs to be separated out from the VFC Tdap inventory providers receive since the VFC vaccine is earmarked for VFC eligible children under 19 years old. In an effort to resolve this please note in the lower Right hand corner on the MIR how many adult Tdap doses your clinic had at the beginning of the month and subtract the doses used during the month. The remaining number should be your beginning inventory of Adult/Infant caregiver Tdap for the next month. Example:

September: Received 50 doses of Adult/Infant Caregiver Tdap

Used : 0

Remaining: 50 doses

October: Beginning inventory: 50 doses

Used: 2

Remaining: 48 doses

Continue recording your VFC Tdap inventory on the MIR as you've always documented.

For additional questions regarding the Adult Tdap Vaccine Project please contact Sheila Boos at [sboos@kdheks.gov](mailto:sboos@kdheks.gov) or (785)-296-0869.